

African American/Black Club (AABC)

Bylaws

ARTICLE I - Name and Purpose

Section A - Name

* The name of the organization shall be the African American/Black Club (AABC)

Section B - Purpose

The main purpose of African American/Black Club is to promote cross cultural awareness and communication, promote fellowship, encourage networking and resource sharing among members, promote opulence and diversity of the African American/Black studies and cultures, network as professionals and coworkers, and share ideas and resources that benefit the African American/Black community and all employees at the Argonne site (e.g., ANL, U of C, DOE and the ACU).

ARTICLE II- Membership

Membership to the African American/Black Club (AABC) is open to all employees and retirees of Argonne National Laboratory, the U. S. Department of Energy, the University of Chicago, Argonne Credit Union, and all persons associated with/or assigned to the work of the Laboratory. Final determination of eligibility rests with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will not engage in illegal discrimination.

ARTICLE III – Activities

Activities may include sponsoring speakers or special cultural events, developing professional and trade networking and mentoring opportunities for employees, community/charity involvement, and participating at Argonne Club functions.

ARTICLE IV - Government

Section 1 - The officers of the club shall be the President, Vice President, Vice President Public Relations, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-arms. The same person may hold the Secretary and Treasurer positions, at any given time.

Section 2 - The officers will serve a one-year term. The Executive Committee, consisting of the above named officers shall be the governing body and, with input from a majority of active members, shall decide upon activities for AABC and other club operations.

Section 3 - Officers will be elected annually in February by a simple majority vote of active members on the official club roster.

Section 4 - The President serves as the Club's chief executive officer, responsible for general supervision and operation of the club. The President shall supervise the total club program and shall preside at club and Executive Committee meetings. The President will ensure that meetings start and end on time. The President shall appoint all committees and shall represent the club, as required, at meetings of the Argonne Club.

Section 5 - The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out the club responsibilities and serve in the President's absence. The Vice President shall act as an alternate or second delegate to meetings of inter-club organizations. The Vice President shall hold the main responsibility of recruiting new members to the club and promotion of the club throughout the Argonne community. Attend Executive Committee meetings.

Section 6 – The Vice President Public Relations is responsible for promoting membership programs, events and programs sponsored by the Club. Attend Executive Committee meetings.

Section 7 - The Secretary shall keep the current club roster, a record of all club meetings, and serve all meeting notices. Prepare sign-in form for membership attendance. Attend Executive Committee meetings.

Section 8 - The Treasurer shall keep and prepare all financial records and transactions of the club. The Treasurer shall be a member of any committees concerned with finances or fund-raising. The Treasurer shall collect annual membership dues of \$12.00 per member. The Treasurer shall annually submit a membership roster to the Argonne Club along with \$1.00 for each member of the club. The Argonne Club shall be periodically informed of changes in membership and be provided with \$1.00 for each new member joining the AABC. Attend Executive committee meetings.

Section 9 – The Sergeant-at-arms will schedule meeting location; assure that the meetings start and end on time; arrange set-up for the meeting room at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins. Attend Executive Committee meetings.

Section 10 - The officers shall appoint other club members to carry out additional functions as defined in the By-Laws.

Section 11 - Vacancies in the Executive Committee between annual elections can be filled by a two-thirds majority vote of active members on the current roster.

Section 12 - Officers can be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of active members on the current roster.

Section 13 – The Executive Committee will select an audit committee during the month of January to review the Treasurer's records before a new officer is elected.

ARTICLE V - Club and Executive Committee

Meetings of the AABC Club and the Executive Committee will be held monthly or as needed.

ARTICLE VI- Property

In the event AABC disbands, all funds and other properties purchased with AABC dues and supplemental funds from the Argonne Club (see Article IV, Section 7) shall be turned over to the Argonne Club.